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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director of Material

SUBJECT : Recreation Equipment at Watertown

REFERENCE : (IN 02592)

1. Having inadvertently received the action copy of the referenced message, and also having participated with in obtaining the original recreation equipment for Watertown, I would like to set down a few of my thoughts for your consideration in framing a reply:

a. In the first place, it strikes me that this cable leaves a lot to be desired as far as being definitive is concerned. How much outdoor equipment is desired? At what overall cost? What equipment is on hand, though worn out? What about normal survey procedures on this worn out equipment?

b. At the time of launching Watertown, we prepared for the DCI's approval, a special paper requesting authority to expend \$2,500.00 for recreation equipment, using the Director's powers under Section 10.b of FL 110. This was signed and the equipment was purchased and delivered. Later on, a supplemental 10.b paper was written and approved to cover certain additional expenses for recreation equipment. I am not sure about the amount of this second paper, but believe it was for \$500.00 or less. I find it hard to believe that this much equipment, even discounting the fact that some \$900.00 was for pool tables, has been worn out in less than a year.

c. In addition, I have understood that the base was collecting funds in a large gallon jar, for use of the pool tables by personnel at the base. It is my understanding that was "administering" this "informal recreation fund" through periodic collections, even though the fact that such collections were being made has never been made a matter of record in this Headquarters, nor has any accounting ever been submitted.

2. My own reaction, for whatever it may be worth, is that we should take a long look at this question before purchasing any additional equipment of this nature, and even should its purchase be substantiated, I feel that we should follow the same procedure; i.e., that of submitting a 10.b paper to the DCI, before granting local purchase authority.

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